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GOV. EASLEY REAPPOINTS OWENS TO STATE UTILITIES COMMISSION

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley today reappointed Robert “Bobby” Owens Jr. to the N.C. Utilities Commission. Owens has served on the commission since his original appointment in 1997 and will begin his second term on June 30, 2005.

“Commissioner Owens strikes a balance on the delicate issues and brings a lot of common sense and consensus building skills to the job,” said Easley. “He has demonstrated his dedication and commitment to the hard work required on the Commission over his past eight years of service there.”

Owens is the former co-owner and manager of Owen’s Restaurant in Nags Head, which has been in operation since 1946. From 1993 to 1997 he was director of the Governor’s Eastern Office. He has also served on the N.C. Tax Study Commission, N.C. State Banking Commission and the N.C. State Parks and Recreation Commission. Owens was also chairman of the Dare County Board of Commissioners for 13 years. Owens serves on the Board of Directors for Pitt County Memorial Hospital and the Outerbanks Medical Center. He is also a trustee for the University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina.

Owens is a graduate of East Carolina University and a former member of the U.S. Coast Guard. He is currently a member of the Manteo Lions Club, Manteo Masonic Lodge and the Dare County Shrine Club. He has also received numerous awards including the Dare County Citizen of the Year Award and the Leadership Award for the North Carolina Mentally Handicapped.

Owens and his wife, Sarah, reside in Manteo and have two children, R.V. and Lisa.

The Utilities Commission supervises and controls public utilities, and takes appropriate action to secure reasonable and adequate service for the public’s needs and convenience. There are seven members on the board who serve eight-year terms. The governor appoints all members and they are subject to General Assembly confirmation in joint session.

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